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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application in the name(s) of:

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**FOR: LAPAROSCOPIC INSTRUMENT AND TROCAR SYSTEM AND  
RELATED SURGICAL METHOD**

**ENCLOSED ARE:**

- (1) Application Data Sheet;
- (2) Specification (pages 1-25), Claims (pages 26-32/ 40 claims) & Abstract (page 33);
- (3) Seven (7) sheets of Drawings (Figs.1 through 16); and
- (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney.

**Notes:** Small entity status applies to this application. The invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be filed in any foreign countries.

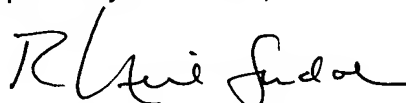
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Basic Fee			\$ 375.00		\$750.00
Total Claims	40	- 20 = 20	x \$ 9.= \$ 180.00	x \$ 18.=	
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